REMARKS

Claims 1 and 23 are pending in the present application. Claims 2-22 and 24-46 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Czerwinski et al.

Claims 1-3, 6, 10, 11, 13, 19, 22-24, 27-31, 33-34, and 37-38 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over Czerwinski et al. (Published US Patent Application 2004/0066414). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), in view of the amendments set forth above, is respectfully traversed.

In formulating the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), the Examiner alleges that Czerwinski et al. discloses a method that minimizes a first opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device to create a first minimized opened document; creating a first icon on the electronic desktop of the electronic device to represent the first minimized opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device; minimizing a second opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device to create a second minimized opened document; creating a second icon on the electronic desktop of the electronic device to represent the second minimized opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device; forming a virtual pile by selecting the second icon representing the second minimized opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device and placing the second icon onto the first icon representing the first minimized opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device; modifying an appearance of the first icon to represent a virtual pile of minimized opened documents created by the first and second icons; and modifying an appearance of the second icon when the second icon is placed onto the first icon.

From these allegations, the Examiner concludes that Czerwinski et al. anticipates the presently claimed invention. This conclusion is respectfully traversed in view of the amendments set forth above.

Independent Claim 1

Amended independent claim 1 recites a method for managing a plurality of opened documents being displayed on an electronic desktop of an electronic device, an opened document being an application invoked created area on the electronic desktop of the electronic device by selecting a first icon associated with a first opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device; placing the first icon associated with the first opened document onto a second icon associated with a second opened document; modifying an appearance of the first icon associated with the first opened document to represent a portion of a virtual pile of opened documents when the first icon associated with the first opened document is placed onto the second icon associated with the second opened document; maintaining an appearance of the second icon when the first icon is placed onto the second icon; selecting a third icon associated with a third opened document being displayed on the electronic desktop of the electronic device; placing the third icon associated with the first opened document onto the second icon associated with the second opened document; modifying an appearance of the third icon associated with the third opened document to represent a portion of the virtual pile of opened documents when the third icon associated with the third opened document is placed onto the second icon associated with the second opened document; and maintaining the appearance of the second icon when the third icon is placed onto the second icon.

As recognized by the Examiner, <u>Czerwinski et al</u>. teaches a method that modifies an appearance of the first icon to represent a virtual pile of minimized opened documents created by the first and second icons and modifies an appearance of the second icon when the second icon is placed onto the first icon. Moreover, it a further embodiment, <u>Czerwinski et al</u>. teaches that neither icon is modified in appearance, but the icons remain unchanged.

In contrast, amended independent claim 1 recites a method that modifies an appearance of the first icon associated with the first opened document to represent a portion of a virtual pile of opened documents when the first icon associated with the first opened document is placed onto the second icon associated with the second opened document and maintains an appearance of the second icon when the first icon is placed onto the second icon.

Moreover, amended independent claim 1 recites that an appearance of the third icon associated with the third opened document is modified to represent a portion of a virtual pile of opened documents when the third icon associated with the third opened document is placed onto the second icon associated with the second opened document and that the appearance of the second icon is maintained when the third icon is placed onto the second icon.

Therefore, Czerwinski et al. fails to teach or anticipate modifying an appearance of the first icon associated with the first opened document to represent a portion of a virtual pile of opened documents when the first icon associated with the first opened document is placed onto the second icon associated with the second opened document and maintaining an appearance of the second icon when the first icon is placed onto the second icon, as set forth by amended independent claim 1.

Furthermore, Czerwinski et al. fails to teach or anticipate modifying an appearance of the third icon associated with the third opened document to represent a portion of the virtual pile of opened documents when the third icon associated with the third opened document is placed onto the second icon associated with the second opened document and maintaining the appearance of the second icon when the third icon is placed onto the second icon, as set forth by amended independent claim 1.

With respect to dependent claim 23, the Applicant, for the sake of brevity, will not address the reasons supporting patentability for this individual dependent claim, as this claim depends directly from allowable independent claim 1. The Applicant reserves the right to address the patentability of this dependent claim at a later time, should it be necessary.
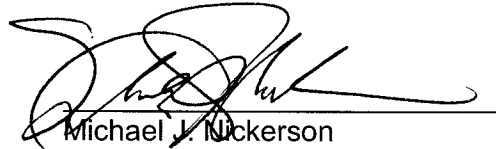
Accordingly, in view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of all the reasons set forth above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the present rejection. Also, an early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

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